

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are amended herein to limit the claimed invention to nucleic acid, vector and host cells comprising nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1. This amendment to the claims does not add new matter and does not raise new issues requiring further searching by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment should be entered at this time since it places the application in condition for allowance.

In the Advisory Action the Examiner indicated that claims 2 (now claim 1) and 3 were objected to, and claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected. Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate the issues raised by the Examiner in rejecting claims 1, 5 and 7. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered and the application allowed.

Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications directed to the cancelled subject matter.


It is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended above is in condition for allowance, an early notification thereof being earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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